(b) The total quantities of wheat procured by the FCI and State Agencies in the State of Madhya Pradesh since 1999-2000 onwards are as under:—

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Marketing Season	Total quantity procured
1999-2000	5.41
2000-01	3.51
2001-02	2.94
2002-03	4.24

Accumulation of foodgrains in FCI godowns

2262. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sugar and foodgrains remained accumulated in various godowns of FCI;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains spoiled as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken by his Ministry for effective Public Distribution System with adequate coverage during the last three years, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The stock of sugar, rice and wheat with FCI as on 31st October, 2002 was 0.37 lakh MTs., 205.09 Lakh MTs. and 330.59 lakh MTs. respectively.

(b) Foodgrains held in FCI godowns are stored in scientifically constructed godowns and are preserved by the trained and experienced technical staff. However, some spoilage to the foodgrains stored in open/covered and plinth (CAP) which is resorted to as a temporary measure in extreme adverse situation, may occur due to natural calamities such as unprecedented rains, floods, cyclone, ballooning

of covers etc. The stock of paddy, rice and wheat damaged, as on 31.3.2002 was 1.17 lakh tonnes, 0.49 lakh tonnes and 0.29 lakh tonnes respectively.

(c) The steps taken by the Government for effective Public Distribution System (PDS) during the last three years are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Steps taken by the Government in the last three years for making the Public Distribution System {PDS) effective.

(i) The initial scale of issue @ 10 kg. for each BPL family per month at specially subsidized prices was enhanced to 20 kg. per family per month *w.e.f.* 1.4.2000.This was enhanced to 25 kg. per family per month *w.e.f.* 12.7.2001. This was again enhanced to 35 kg. per family per month *w.e.f.* 1.4.2002 for a period of one year *viz.* upto 31.3.2003. For APL families also the scale of allocation has been fixed at 35 kg. per family per month *w.e.f.* 1.4.2002 for a period of one year.

(ii) The Central Issue Prices for BPL families at Rs. 4.15 per kg. for wheat and Rs. 5.65 per kg. for rice have remain unchanged for over the last two years. This is approximately 48% of the economic cost of FCI.

(iii) All States/UTs have identified BPL families under TPDS and allocation of foodgrains is being made to them under TPDS.

(iv) Antyodaya Anna Yojana was launched by Prime Minister on 2.12.2000 to provide foodgrains to one crore poorest of the poor families. The scheme has been implemented in all the States/UTs. Under this scheme foodgrains are distributed at highly subsidized rates *viz.,* Rs. 2 per kg. for wheat and Rs. 3 per kg. for rxe. The scale of issue is 35 kg. per family per month.

(v) The Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001 was issued on 31.8.2001 under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, with the objective to streamline the functioning of the PDS and make it more effective and accountable. The PDS (Control) order, 2001 contains the following provisions:—

(g) Identification of BPL families

(h) Ration cards

(i) Scale and issue prices

(j) Distribution of foodgrains

(k) Licensing; and

(I) Monitoring and penalities.

Violation of provision in the PDS (Control) Order, 2001 invokes penal action under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Foodgrains stock with FCI

2263. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the stock holdings of the Food Corporation of India of various types of foodgrains, category-wise, as on date;

(b) the quantity in each category which is not fit for human consumption due to long storage period, deterioration in quality or any other causes; and

(c) the value of these foodgrains as on date and the money Government spent on maintaining these stocks annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The details of stocks holding of FCI of various types of foodgrains as on 31.10,2002 are as follows:—

SI. No.	Foodgrains	Quantity in lakh M.Ts.
1.	Rice	145.93
2.	Wheat	80.06